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The Pearl Cross.

The pearl cross was an heirloom. Etta wore it the first time I ever saw her, and I noticed its pure beauty as it rested upon a knot of blue ribbons at her throat. I think I loved Etta Raymond from the hour in which I met her at a small social gathering my Aunt Milda had given in honor of my return from a long absence on business.

When the party was over, aunt told me that Miss Raymond was the niece of a new comer in our town, a retired clergyman, who had taken a cottage near our own.

Had she been a very fine lady, I might never have drawn her into my heart, as I did very soon.

But she was a sweet, lovable girl, possessing no worldly wealth, and we met on terms of equality. She was a orphan, who owed education, care, everything, to my aunt, who had an income so narrow that it must have cost her many acts of self-denial to support me.

But at the time I met Etta Raymond, I had obtained a good situation in a commercial house, and was putting all my spare funds into my aunt's keeping for her own comfort. I had been absent more than a year on business for the firm, and was enjoying a vacation of a month's duration, when I met, wood and won Etta Raymond.

I counted on all my own heart, and when I shyly acknowledged that she had won me, my cup of happiness was full. Her uncle, when I placed my worldly prospects before him, was adverse to an immediate marriage, but gave a hearty consent to our engagement. How the time sped away! How much of it we spent side by side in that happy summer!

Our home was too far from the great metropolis for me to make flying visits there, but after I returned to my business duties, Etta and I entered upon a regular correspondence, and in one of her letters she wrote to me:

"Addie Wharton has come home, and called upon me while I was there."

Addie Wharton was the only child of the rich man of our town, a spoiled darling of fortune from her cradle.

I had known her from boyhood, so I read with interest what followed.

"She invited me to a party given to celebrate her birthday. The next day Miss Wharton called on me, and offered me a large sum for my cross. Why, I would as soon sell my mother's picture as give up my cross. So I told her I would not sell it, but I had an heirloom to be sold from mother to daughter, more than a hundred years. Miss Wharton failed to see any reason for my indignant refusal.

"When she left, she told me any time I wanted to sell it she would buy it."

I smiled at Etta's indignation, picturing to myself Addie's proudest insolence.

A year passed, during which I kept closely at my post in the counting-house, having responsibilities and duties that kept me busy far into the night. As summer drew near, I was troubled by frequent dreams of the past, and when my eyes were half closed, I could see Etta's face again, and when my eyes were fully closed, I could see Addie Wharton's face again, and when my eyes were fully closed, I could see Etta's face again.

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"You sold that!" I cried. "I thought you valued that above all your possessions."

"But not above your eyesight. Dr. Sanderson was paid one hundred pounds for the operation."

"Etta!"

That was part of our secret. Albert would have given me the money, but I would not let you owe your eyesight to any one save me. So he took my pearl cross and sold it. The man who bought it agreed to keep it for a time, and to hand it over to Albert when he could get it again.

I shall always think the cross had never been out of Albert's possession, and he was too delicate to give it again to Etta. But he was on a spending tour, and he gave his cousin the opportunity to redeem the heirloom. My wife wears the pearl cross whenever she is in gaudy dress. I never set upon her fair bairn but my heart swells in loving gratitude to the faithful woman who sacrificed it--the dearest treasure she owned--for me, to restore to me the lost blessing of sight.

"Will you read that to me?" I asked.
Without other answer he read--

"I must speak to you. Will wait in the summer."

"What is it?" he asked.

"The wrong note. I will find the other."

I went to the summer-house, softly as a thief, guarding my steps on the frozen ground. They were there, and I could hear Albert's voice. As I came near, I heard Etta--

"Oh, Albert, I will love you all my life for this!"

She was crying, too. I could tell that by her broken voice. I turned away and went home. It was a cold day and I was terribly miserable. It was but natural that Etta should turn from the blind lover who was a disappointment, to the handsome young man of fortune, who had loved her so long. I would try to give her up, not in anger, but tenderly.

Albert returned to C--, and every day Etta became dearer to me. She gave me every hour she could spare from her duty to her uncle and his house, and she spoke of her father as surely to be passed to me.

I was now more secret, and only in my lonely hours did I dwell upon the remembrance of Albert's visit. The long winter wore away, the early spring was gone, and when May blossoms were bursting Etta came one morning to see me.

"Do you remember Dr. Sanderson?" she asked.

"Your cousin's friend?"

"Yes. He is a great oculist."

My heart seemed to stand still.

I came solely to see you, and he warned us that we must give no exciting hope for several months. Perfect tranquility, he told us, was the great hope for the recovery of your sight."

"Recovery of my sight?" I cried. "He thinks that possible?"

"He thinks it more than possible. If you improved in strength as you have done, he was certain he could successfully operate this month."

I could not speak. Very gently Etta told me of her cousin's kindness. He had gone to the city solely to find this doctor, who was no more his friend than he was a friend to any other patient. He had brought him to see me; and then bidden my Etta with his secret instructions.

Even Mr. Raymond and my aunt were ignorant of this loving conspiracy. It humiliated me to think of the spring part I had taken, the unworthy construction I had placed upon Etta's outburst of gratitude. But she should never know that I had doubted her even for an hour.

"Tell me," I said, "when this doctor will come again?"

"He is here, waiting to see you."

He came in soon after, and there was no perplexity in my answers to his searching questions. He examined my eyes closely, and gave me a promise of sight.

"God willing," he said, "you shall see again in less than two months."

And he kept his promise.

After the operation, he gave strict directions for bandaging and confinement in a dark room, till at the end of six long, long weeks he came again, and let me see the blessed daylight and Etta's face again. And when my eyes were fully restored, he sent me another position, and a good salary. Etta waited another year for me. It was not until we had been married over a year that Etta asked me one day if I could spared her one hundred pounds.

"Certainly," I replied.

"Do you wonder what I want with so much money?" she asked.

"I did wonder; for we had no secrets in our life."

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Wade vs. Commissioners of Craven from Carteret.

Executive Valuation--The subject of taxation is regulated entirely by statute, and the revenues of this State are collected under the operations of what is known as the machinery act.

The County Commissioners have exclusive original jurisdiction to grant relief against excessive taxation, and to assess for taxation, and their decision upon a petition for that purpose, there is no appeal, unless it appears from the facts found by them as to the valuation of the property, that have proceeded upon some erroneous principles. The statute gives no appeal.

State vs. Childers, from Wilkes.

Charge--Upon the trial of an indictment for larceny, it was held that it was not error in the Court below to charge the jury that all the evidence introduced, (the defendant having introduced none,) was intended by the State to prove to them that the defendant feloniously stole, took, and carried away the money of R. A. & Son, charged in the indictment, and that here is no defense for them to determine. That the evidence satisfied them that he did, then their verdict should be guilty; but if the evidence did not so satisfy them, then their verdict should not be guilty.

Barnes, A. vs. The Piedmont & Arlington Life Insurance Co., from Harnett.

The intestate of the plaintiff contracted with the agent of the defendant, to insure his life. The agent agreed to insure his life for six months in consideration of the payment of \$50. The intestate paid the agent \$15 and no more. No written application for a policy was ever made and no policy was ever issued. Upon a demurrer to the complaint, it was held that the plaintiff was not entitled to recover.

Bellamy vs. Pippin, from Edgecombe.

Practice--Upon a motion by the defendant for a new trial, in an action for damages, it is not error for the Court to refuse to hear the evidence of a jury for the purpose of showing that in computing the amount of damages, the jury did not consider that some of the property was probably damaged before the cause of action arose, there being no evidence to that effect.

State vs. Burgess, from Clay.

Upon the trial of an indictment charging the defendant with the larceny of goods, the property of A. The proof that the defendant was guilty of the larceny of goods is joint property of A & B is a fatal variance between the *alibi* and *probata*.

It is not strictly regular to take the objection to such evidence, after verdict, upon a motion in arrest of judgment; but when this Court can see from the record that there was a fatal va-

Digest of N. C. Supreme Court Decisions.
Horner & Graves vs. Baker, from Edgecombe.

Evidence--In an action by two keepers of a public school, to recover the amount due for the board and tuition of a student: It was held that the plaintiffs were conductors of such school and had advertised extensively the terms and regulations thereof, taking in consideration the fact that the school was conducted by the defendant, and that his son had been admitted to the school for one session, and had also sent him to a second session, was competent evidence, for the consideration of the jury, as tending to show that the defendant had notice of the terms and regulations and had assented thereto.

Williams and wife, *ex parte*, from Beaufort.

Decree--*Life Interest*--When a testator devised his life-half of a house and lot to A, and the other half to B, to be held to her separate use for life, and at her death to go to her children; or that the proceeds of said lot, if the same should ever be sold, to be held for the benefit of the testator's wife, and B receiving the annual interest of said proceeds; the land having been sold; It was held that B was not entitled to have the value of her life interest in the fund assessed according to the annuity tables, and paid over to her at once, because that would defeat the trust and the express provision of the will.

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further could be arranged. While waiting for Grant to come up, Gen. Lee seated himself upon some rails which Col. Talcott, of the engineers, had fixed at the foot of an apple tree for his convenience. This apple tree was in an orchard half a mile from the Court house. Nothing occurred near it or under it; and yet out of this was made the story of Lee's ordering under an apple tree, and the whole orchestra was cut up into "jolly" pieces of the anti-slavery banner which General Lee surrendered to anti-slavery-busters and relic-worshippers.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of jewels were made out of this same small tree.

As soon as Grant's arrival was announced Gen. Lee rode forward outside of the picket lines to meet him. A single officer accompanied Gen. Lee. The meeting between the two commanders was simple and courteous. Grant apologized to Gen. Lee for not having a vehicle which was behind in his wagon. After some further conversation, and after officers connected with the surrender, the two Generals retired to the room of Mr. Lee's house in Appomattox Court house, and there drew up and settled the terms in form. This done, Gen. Lee returned inside his own lines. Gen. Lee's manner, during these negotiations, had betrayed in nothing the iron in his soul; throughout the whole scene his men were calm and unutterably majestic. What ensued on his return can best be felt, but not described. Of all the crushed hearts in his army, few could say which was the deeper pang, their sorrow for him or their grief for the cause. Never had conquered leader received such homage from his surrendered legions.

An able northern writer speaking of the surrender says that throughout the whole of the transaction Gen. Grant displayed the delicacy of a great soul. This is true. No jeers insults, or sneering demonstrations of triumph were allowed. The two armies had known each other on so many battle-fields for that. The army of the Potomac had too often "drank at the hands of the army of Northern Virginia, the bitter draught of defeat," not to feel for us manly sympathy.

On the next day the officers made out muster rolls in duplicate and paraded their men. The confederates then filed by, a brigade at a time, before an equal number of Federals, and stacked arms and banners. The bitter agony was over.

We draw the veil over the camps that night. The arms and battle-flags were all gone, and the camp-fires desolate. When for the last time our army bands wafted on the still air the old familiar melodies which had enlivened so many a bivouac, and the long night brought to our camp-fires the forms and faces long since passed at the great roll call.

The last strains of And Lang Syne floated off in the woods there were few whose cheeks were not wet with tears, and who did not answer its dying echoes with heart-thuds.

And thus passed the Army of Northern Virginia from life to immortality.

A Gloomy Picture.

Through the kindness of a friend, we have been permitted to make some extracts from a private letter received from a gentleman travelling on business in the Eastern part of the State, dated Nash county, April 1st. It presents a gloomy state of affairs:

My purpose when I left home was to visit the extreme portion of the State, say Williamsburg, Plymouth, Little Washington, Greenville, and other places and sections, but owing to the fact that the majority of planters are destitute of means, I thought it useless to proceed further and turned toward the West again.

The situation of the cotton planter is truly deplorable, inasmuch as the most of them have cultivated nothing but cotton to the neglect of everything else. They are dependent upon the Baltimore and Petersburg companies for their chains and the supplies of manure, fertilizers, hay and manure, for which they mortgaged their crops. Cotton being but from 10 to 11 cents, does not meet their indebtedness and in consequence the merchants begin to foreclose the mortgages; but not only that, they have come to the determination of not furnishing another pound of supplies of any kind. This stoppage has come so suddenly upon the farmers that they are perfectly stunned, and the question is asked how are we to get along? If relief of some sort does not come before long many a family will suffer or even starve.

The gentleman, at whose house I wrote this, told me a short while ago he went North to see whether some arrangement could be made to furnish some supplies, but these merchants refused flatly, saying that were they to do so, the people would increase the production of cotton and lower the price, so that it would break them, who hold the cotton for higher rates. This policy is sure to stop a great many from planting, and compel them if their stock should hold out to raise something to eat.

The merchants are breaking all through this section, and you see at the different depots stores closed and for rent. I know several around here who supported some of their families by shipping cotton to Newbern.

I do not think that money and provision masters are quite as bad in the more western countries and the people are not so depressed; but here you see long and doleful faces and well they may look serious, for a day of extreme suffering is coming. I trust our country folks will pursue a more prudent plan and not raise tobacco at the expense of meat and grain.

[From the Sentinel.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25, 1876.

EDITOR SENTINEL:—You remember that in speeches at the Fall Courts, I promised the people to ask this House to send a Committee into my District this year to investigate the illegal, oppressive and corrupt conduct of Revenue officials. That promise I have not forgotten; and I think the House will give me the Committee, Messes. Ashe and Vance, and others of our delegation here, whose constituents are interested in this matter, are ready to co-operate in securing success in this investigation.

Please let me know if it is known *all* persons in my District, as well as the 6th and 8th Districts, who know of any illegal, oppressive or corrupt conduct of any Revenue official, or any judicial officer in aid of such, to forward to me, without delay, the names and places of residence of responsible witnesses who can testify to the facts, and also as full a statement as possible of what each witness will prove. I do not wish to have the Committee go groping after information, but I want to be able to tell them where to look and whom to call.

What is of the utmost importance to the efficiency of the inquiry.

Let everybody take notice of this request and act upon it at once.

Fellow-citizens, it is full time that the oppressions, intimidations, and fraudulent and outrageous practices of the big and little tyrants who have lorded it over the honest people for years should be exposed and punished.

Will the newspapers of Western North Carolina, especially, and all others friendly to the inquiry, please publish this and call the attention of the people to the object.

Very respectfully,
WM. M. ROBBINS.

A CARD.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 6th, 1876.

Ber. B. Sears, Stanton, Va.—I will forward to-morrow's mail a full and explicit statement of my management of the Peabody Fund, and the investigation by the sub-committee of appropriations having charge of the deficiency bill.

Senate has organized as committee to impeach Belknap. Trial takes place on the 17th.

Twenty per cent. of clerks in Treasurer's office will probably be discharged.

The House passed the bill extending the time in which indictments may be found to three years. This is intended to reach the burlesque conspirators.

The Secretary of the Treasury was directed to furnish an itemized account of \$300,000 for the light and fuel of the year ending June 30th, 1876.

The bill to regulate the winding up of the National Banks passed. Cox explained that the object was to enable insolvent banks speedily to close up accounts in the interest of the public.

The Committee on Expenditures of the Judiciary Department are investigating the Marshal of the Southern District of Mississippi. The expenses this year are \$6,000 against \$9,000 for the same time last year.

The investigation of the Western District of Texas is still progressing.

CONGRESS.

The House of Representatives is still busily engaged in efforts of retrenchment and reform in the administration of the government. And we are pleased to see that Southern Representatives have ceased to agitate sectional questions, as no good can result therefrom, at this time. The minds of the Northern people we fear, are still prejudiced, and it will require some time yet to overcome the fanaticism which was part of the education of the present generation North.

THE HOWERTON CASE.—Major Manly died that the Howerton case ought to go before a jury, and bound defendant over to the next term of Wake Superior Court.

The Connecticut Election.

The Democrats and Conservatives have achieved a glorious victory in Connecticut, last week. The total vote of the State was 98,485 against 100,985 last year. Ingalls, Democratic, received 51,071 votes; Robinson, Republican, 43,557; Smith, Temperance, 1,871; and Atwater, Greenback, 1,985. There are 18 Democrats elected to the State Senate, and 4 Republicans; 159 Democrats to the House against 85 Republicans and 2 Independents.

The Democrats have elected a Governor and all of the State officers and a Legislature in which there has been a gain of 23 members.—This body, as now constituted, stands on joint ballot, 177 Democrats to 91 Republicans, a majority of 86 on joint ballot, and lacking just two votes of being two-thirds of the whole body.

HEAVY.—The editor of the Indianapolis Herald is a loyal Union soldier, but he goes for the safety of his country in strong terms. He says: "We wish the Republican party could be disengaged from the erroneous impression that its fortunes are indissolubly linked with those of the vulgar drunken reprobate who pollutes the air at the White House." The country has suffered too much from bull-penning in high places. And it isn't such a difficult matter to shuffle off a President after all. The whigs did it with Andy Johnson, a much better and stronger man than Grant ever was.

J. S. Sowers has been appointed Postmaster at Lexington, in place of Mrs. Dusenberry, resigned.

COLORED NATIONAL CONVENTION.—The colored National Convention organized in Nashville, Tenn., on the 6th inst., by the election of M. W. Gibbs, of Arkansas, president. Speeches were made by Robert McCarty, of Indiana; H. S. Smith, of Georgia; Robert Harter, of Ohio; M. W. Gibbs, of Arkansas. Fred Douglass and other signers to the card against calling the Convention at Nashville, were severely criticised. The speakers generally were for the party that promised the most rights and fulfilled their promises.

The Colored Troops.

Congress in the army bill of 1866 directed the enlisting of two regiments of infantry and two of cavalry, to be composed of colored troops, and to form thereafter part of the regular army. The experiment has not worked well in any sense, and the almost unanimous opinion of the army officers is against it. The very strong language used by Gen. Ord on the subject, to the Committee on Military Affairs, was published some time ago. The committee has the opinion of other high officers of the army corroborating the testimony of Gen. Ord. Adopting the views of army officers, the committee has determined to report in favor of mustering the colored regiments out of service. Of course much opposition will be made, and principally for political reason, and it is not improbable that the Senate will refuse its assent. In this event the colored regiments would be retained in the service, for the law is peremptory and the Secretary of War has no option at all in the matter.

Why was 196 pounds selected as the weight of a barrel of flour? Because weights were formerly computed by tons of 2,210 pounds, hundred weight by 112 pounds, quarters, etc., and a quarter being one quarter of a hundred weight or 28 pounds, and seven quarters of 196 pounds being the limit that could be conveniently handled, this weight was adopted by statute in England under a heavy penalty for its violation.

New York, April 10.—A. T. Stewart died of inflammation of the bowels on Saturday evening.

A War Against Insects.

Our House of Representatives has entered on a new, scientific task, quite worthy of its powers. It has passed a bill to prohibit again insects which have ravaged our crops, and a chief of the expedition is appointed at \$1,000 a year to organize this grand army. Nothing could be more timely. But we trust that this movement is only the beginning of other, more useful legislation in the entomological sphere.

There are many classes of insects, as harmful as the potato-bug or Hessian fly, whose habits have hitherto been little known, even by our best naturalists, but whose swift increase within these few years may well cause alarm. There is the trader-beetle, which infests the military stores, the potato-beetle, a very fat and glutinous beetle, which is to do more damage to cotton-hills in an amazingly short time and reduces the cotton to powder. The carpet-beetle or carpet-jigger is one of the most venomous of insects. Originally as the potato-beetle or Hessian fly, whose危害 has hitherto been little known, even by our best naturalists, but whose swift increase within these few years may well cause alarm. There is the trader-beetle, which infests the military stores, the potato-beetle, a very fat and glutinous beetle, which is to do more damage to cotton-hills in an amazingly short time and reduces the cotton to powder. 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Railroad, from Greensboro to Salem, closes every day, except Sundays, at 7 a. m.; due every day except Sunday, by 6:30 p. m.

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Jerusalem mail, via Friedberg, Miller's Mill, Elba Hill and Fulton; closes every Wednesday at 6 a. m.; due every Thursday, 5 p. m.

Jonesville mail, via Mt. Elba, Vienna, Red Plains East Bend and Booneville, due Friday, by 7 p. m.; closes every Saturday, at 6 a. m.

Walkerton mail, via Salem Chapel, White Road, Belvoir's Creek Mills and Blakely; closes every Friday, at 4:30 p. m.; due every Saturday, by 7 p. m.

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HOLY WEEK.—The services in the Moravian Church on Palm Sunday were of the usual interest, Rt. Rev. E. A. DeSchweinitz preached at 10 o'clock.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, four persons were baptized and confirmed in their baptismal covenant, by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Oerter.

In the evening the usual readings were commenced, and were continued on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

This afternoon two meetings will be held, and on to-morrow, Good Friday, services in the morning and afternoon. On Saturday services in the afternoon.

EASTER SUNDAY.—Early in the morning, 3 A. M., the Church Band will usher in the glorious resurrection day with sacred music, and at 5 o'clock the congregation will assemble in front of the Church, and proceed to the Moravian Cemetery, where the Easter Morning Litany will be prayed.

Sermon at 10 o'clock, and service in the afternoon and at night.

EASTER, MONDAY.—The Bible Society will hold its annual meeting in the church.

Easter Monday is observed here as a general holiday.

WILD TURKEYS.—Mr. Jesse Jones, father of Sheriff Jones, of Yadkin, and Messrs. Albert and Aquilla Jones, of this place, aged 78 years, killed during the month of March, in his wheat field, in the Abbott's Creek neighborhood, four fine wild turkeys, one of which weighed 23 pounds. He exhibited their beards, which were over four inches long.

Mr. Jones wears no glasses, and is considered one of the best shots in his neighborhood. Many of the old fields near Brownsville, Davidson county, are overgrown with pine thickets, in which numerous turkeys harbor.

Mrs. MICKEY has just received a fine lot of MILLINERY GOODS, NOTIONS, &c., from the cities of Philadelphia and New York, to which she invites the attention of her friends and the public generally.—The goods are all of the latest and most tasteful styles.

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TAX LISTING IN BROADBAY TOWNSHIP.—At F. A. Tucker's, Waughtown, April 20, Broadbay School House, " 21 Hopewell School House, " 22

The farmers are preparing their ground for corn, and trade is rather dull in consequence. Corn planting will soon be in full blast, if the weather keeps as warm as it has been for the past day or two.

THE APPLE CROP promises to be plentiful. The report that the Blackberry crop will prove a failure in consequence of the recent cold snaps, is not credited about here.

SURRY COUNTY.—Diphtheria is prevailing in a malignant form at Mt. Airy.

An infant was found in the woods near the Southern line of the county, last week, in so much of a decomposed condition as to render it impossible to ascertain the color of the child.

There are a good many cases of small pox on Muddy Fork, of Blue Stone, in Mercer county, Va. There are about thirty persons who are guarded by the citizens. A runaway "wedding party" from that neighborhood, returned with the disease.

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Poetry.

The Cross.

Quaint though the construction be of the following poem, yet never has the story been told with more truthful simplicity.

Blest they who seek
While in their youth
With spirit meek
The way of truth.
To them the sacred scriptures now display: Christ as the only true and living way. His precious blood on Calvary was given. To make them heirs of endless bliss in Heaven. And even on earth the child of God can trace the glorious blessings of his Savior's grace.

For then he bore
His Father's frown;
For them he wore
The thorn crown;
Nailed to the cross,
Endured its pain,
That His Life's loss
Might be their gain.
Then hast to choose
That better part,
Nor dare refuse
Thy Lord thy heart
Lest He declare,
"I know you not,"
And deep despair
Should be your lot.
Now look to Jesus who on Calvary died,
And trust in Him who there was crucified.

Gentle Spring.

How well these lines express the present season:

The weathercock is dancing round,
And will not settle east or west;
The air is chill, and moist the ground,
And all the sky in gloom is dressed,
Uncertain spring? Poets were right
Who gave thee female form and face,
For change is ever your delight,
And fickleness your chiefest grace;
And now you smile to hear men say,
"I wonder if 'twill rain to-day?"

Humorous.

Hints to Bored.

Some time ago there lived a gentleman of indolent habits, in Boston, who made it a business in the winter season to visit his friends extensively. After wearing out his welcome in his immediate vicinity, last winter, he thought he would visit an old Quaker friend, some twenty miles distant, who had been a school mate of his. On his arrival he was cordially received by the Quaker, he thinking his visitor had taken much pains to come so far to see him. He treated his friend with great attention and politeness several days, and, as he did not see any sign of his leaving, he became uneasy; but he bore with patience till the morning of the eighth day, when he said to him:

"My friend, I am afraid thou'll never visit me again."

"Oh, yes, I shall," said the visitor, "I have enjoyed my visit very much, I'll certainly come again."

"Nay," said the Quaker, "I think thee will never visit me again."

"What makes you think I will never come again?" asked the visitor.

"If thou never does leave," said the Quaker, "how canst thou come again?"

The visitor left.

The Value of Education.

Jake was heard calling across the fence to his neighbor's son, a colored youth who goes to school at the Atlanta colored university:

"Look hurr, boy, you goes ter school, don't fer?"

"Yes, sir," replied the boy.

"Gittin' edukashun, ain't you?"

"Yes, sir."

"Lurnin' arithmetic and figgerin' on a slate, eh?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, it don't take two whole days to make an hour, do it?"

"W'y no!" exclaimed the boy.

"You givin' ter bring dat hatchet back in a hour, warn't you?"

"Yes, sir."

"An't he bin two days since yer borrowed it. Now what good's edukashun gwine ter do you thick-skinned niggers when you go to school a whole year, an' den can't tell how long it takes to fetch back a hatchet?"

The boy got mad, and slung the hatchet over the fence and half way through an ash barrel.

—Atlanta Constitution.

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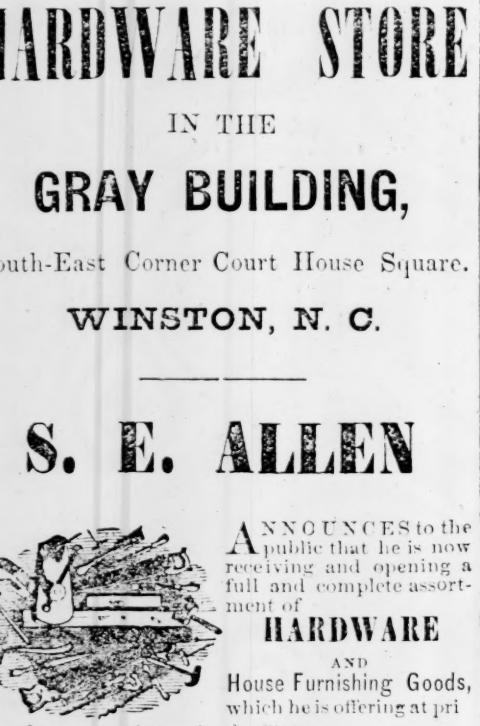
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